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Read all about the TNA convention in El Paso in the June issue of TNA NEWS.

REMEMBER - The 1st of June is the deadline for the July issue of TNA NEWS.

MAC KENNADY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow members. It is with a great sense of awe and humility that I assume the role of TNA president. I truly appreciate the encouragement and support offered by so many when I made the decision to stand for president.

During my 25 years as a member of this fine organization I have come to know a large number of you as loyal and devoted members. TNA has grown from infancy to become a mature adult and a leader among state numismatic associations. I cannot help but feel that there are other state associations who look upon us with envy. Let us continue to be worthy of that respect by working hard to build an even stronger TNA.

How can that be done? Certainly through obtaining new memberships. Carry with you a couple of applications for TNA membership to club meetings and to shows and conventions which you attend. Familiarize yourself with the advantages offered by membership in TNA and use those points to sign up new members. Secondly. Many of you have given interesting and informative programs at your club. Write up those programs, submit them to the **TNA NEWS** editor and I'll bet you will see your name in print. Thirdly. Be ethical in all your dealings with others. Whether you are a dealer or a collector, or a combination of the two, continue to treat others as you would have them treat you.

During the coming months I will be calling on some of you to aid me in various projects. I know I can depend on many of you. Locally, if a call for volunteers is issued, be among the first to step forward and be counted. Your leadership is needed at all levels of numismatics.

Thank you for the trust you have shown by electing me your president for the next two years. I shall do my best to merit that trust.

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman, N.L.G. San Antonio, Tx.

PONTUS, AMISUS & MITHRIDATES — WHO?

Lee Grossman

The title is a little misleading, because Pontus and Amisus are not WHOS! They are WHATS!

Pontus was an ancient area in northeastern Anatolia (Asia Minor), in what is now Turkey. It was situated along the Black Sea (Pontus Euxinus) from which it received its name. It extended from the Halys River to the west to Armenia and Colchia (Phoenicia) on the east. It included the regions north of the Anti-Taurus and Paryadres mountains, thus corresponding to the Turkish Sivas and Trebizond.

Strange as it may seem, the name "Pontus" does not occur in records prior to the 1th century B.C. and did not come into common usage until after the time of Alexander III, King of Macedonia. Before Alexander's conquest of Persia in 330 B.C., Pontus was governed by a Persian satrap (governor).

After the death of Alexander the Great (about 301 B.C.), the foundation of the powerful Kingdom of Pontus was laid by Mithridates I Ctistes. The kingdom was ruled by a succession of kings named Mithridates! But the most important king of Pontus was Mithridates VI Eupator. Upon his overthrow by the Roman general Pompey the Great, in 66 B.C., the kingdom was divided; the principal part (the western portion) being annexed to the province of Bithynia, becoming the Roman province of Pontus and Bithynia, and the eastern region being assigned to native and petty princes. The eastern territory was constituted a Roman Province in 62 A.D. and at first was joined at Galatia. It was finally absorbed into the Roman Empire during the reign of Nero, who ruled from 54 A.D. to 68 A.D. As a Roman Province, it was called Pontus Polemoniacus.

Amisus was the capitol city of Pontus, and was situated on the coast of the Black Sea.

Mithridates VI Eupator was called Mithridates the Great. He was born about 132 B.C. and succeeded his father, Mithridates V Euergetes, about 121 B.C. His mother served as Regent until 115 B.C., when he assumed full power.

He began his career of conquests seizing Colchia to the east of his kingdom and the Greek cities of the Crimea, which asked his assistance against the Scythians. His attempts to cement his control in Paphlagonia and Cappadocia were thwarted by Rome and a plot to depose his one time ally, Nicomades III, King

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE KINGDOM OF PONTUS

3rd Century B.C.

ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE, 330 B.C.

ROMAN EMPIRE, 120 A.D.

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of Bithynia, was unsuccessful.

Raids on Pontic territory in 88 B.C. by Nicomedes, which were instigated by Rome, led to the first Mithridatic War. Mithridates occupied the Roman province of Asia and most of the Greek cities in Asia Minor, but during 86 B.C. and 85 B.C., he was defeated in Asia and Greece by Roman generals Lucius Cornelius Sulla (in Greece) and Gaius Flavius Fimbria (in Asia Minor).

The Second Mithridatic War began with a Roman invasion of Pontus in 83 B.C. And the Roman design to annex Bithynia provoked the Third Mithridatic War. Mithridates occupied Bithynia, but in 73 B.C., his army was isolated and destroyed by the Roman Commander Ludius Liminius Lucullos. Mithridates fled to his son in-law, Tigranes, King of Armenia. In 66 B.C., Pompey the Great succeeded to the Roman command and defeated Mithridates, who had regained much of his territory. Mithridates then devised a plan for the invasion of Italy from the north by his son, Pharnaces, who later became Pharnaces II, King of Pontus, 63 B.C. to 47 B.C. Pompey defeated Mithridates and Tigranes in 66 B.C. Mithridates fled to the Crimea, where his troops rebelled against him.

It is written that Mithridates committed suicide. One version is that he had himself killed by one of his soldiers.

I have a small bronze coin from Amisus (Pontus), struck between 120 B.C. and 63 B.C. The planchet is thicker than most coins - 4mm - and has a 10mm diameter. On the obverse is Ares, Greek God of War, (the Romans called him Mars) with a crested helmet. The reverse shows a sword in a sheath and monograms in the lower left, lower right and upper right fields. The coin is in Very Good condition and is similar to SEAR #3643.

History gives Mithridates VI Eupator a place amongst the most eminant rulers of Asia Minor. It is said that he was a man of education and industry and a patron of learning.

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Anyone wanting more information contact him at 146 Mink Dr., San Antonio, Tx. 78213 or phone 512-344-3230.

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The Gold Institute

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There are numerous company programs in which gold is the foundation with the company logogram crafted into the incentive itself. The service rings shown in the photo are examples of how attractive the results can be. Among companies represented are Electrolux, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Xerox Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Agrico.

Even relatively small companies report outstanding success using gold based incentive programs. A Florida manufacturer of advertising specialties, used a U.S. gold medallion to boost its sales efforts. Two medallions were awarded each quarter, one for the largest dollar

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from the 1st vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall
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With the grand entrance of spring we are told that winter is gone and the year is one quarter gone as well.

One of the most tasteless dishes to eat is unsalted crow. About a year ago there were some prophecies made in my message. One was that the Mexican peso would hit 200 to the dollar and be somewhat stable. Well, the peso did hit the mark about the predicted time, the end of 1984, but it did not find the stable level as it is now about 240 to the dollar.

It is good indeed that we are living in the 20th century and not in Biblical times as false prophets were stoned — not by something they smoked. I predicted the recall of the good old greenbacks and the entrance of the bluebacks. At this time we have seen nothing of them but I am still not convinced that they are loitering in the wings awaiting a convenient time.

Gold was pushed as a good hedge against inflation and as a good investment. It was for this reason that I bought several ounces at the good price of $400 per ounce. Looks like I have a while to wait until it reaches the $400 level again. Just heard that it had dropped $3 per ounce to the $316 range. This is still better than the $287 low which it hit at an earlier point.

This is still a good time to buy many of the items which have dropped sharply over the last two or three years. However, the really good materials which are truly scarce have held their values, registering only slight drops in the market value. With the exodus of the new investors which were attracted into the field by high prices, those items which were squirreled away with visions of megabucks in mind now are reappearing on the market. However, the prices are now slashed drastically, even to the point of loss. The idea is to get out with ready cash for the next "tulip bulb frenzy."

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ANA News Roundup

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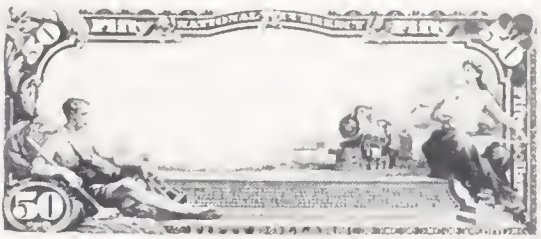
The 94th Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association, scheduled in Baltimore, Maryland, August 20-25, promises to be one of the finest ANA conventions to date.

To ensure an eventful, well-organized show, Baltimore convention general committee members have been working diligently to provide a stimulating, entertaining and educational experience for those who attend.

General chairman is Carl M. Shrader of New Carrollton, Maryland, just a few miles from the Sheraton Convention Center.

The Committee's two co-chairmen are William A. Lenz Jr. and Robert W. Ruby.

Make plans to visit Baltimore and attend the ANA convention.



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The Bureau of Engraving & Printing issued the above pictured souvenir card to commemorate the Texas Numismatic Association 27th convention on April 19-21 in El Paso. The note featured a replica of the back of a $50 National Currency Note from the first issue of the third charter period for National Bank Notes. The third charter period introduced a change in design for all denominations and all notes of this period are Series of 1902. These notes, bearing a red seal on the face, were issued between 1902 and 1908. Relatively few of these notes are in existence and known specimens are generally from the largest and most populous states.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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The celebrated gem engraver, Benedetto Pistrucci was recruited from Italy to produce the design for the new sovereign. Pistrucci's now classic portrayal of "St. George and the Dragon" has appeared on the reverse of every gold sovereign since 1887 and all United Kingdom gold coins since 1893, when it was similarly adopted adopted for the half sovereign. Previously the reverse design for the half sovereign had been a shield, the elements of which changed according to the reigning monarch. The gold 1-pound coin was introduced in 1823.

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JUNE 1-2

CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB, 18th annual coin show, Quality Inn South, Austin. **CONTACT:** Club, Box 33159, Austin 78764.

JUNE 1-2

GARLAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, LBJ at Centerville Rd. **WRITE:** Billy Gilbraith, Box 461303, Garland 76046.

JULY 7

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags, Arlington. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6120 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

JULY 12-14

NORTHLINE COIN SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn, 500 North Belt East. **BOURSE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

JULY 19-21

ALABAMA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, INC., 25th annual convention, Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Birmingham, Ala. **CONTACT:** Purnie Moore, Box 3601-W.E., Birmingham, Ala. 35211.

AUGUST 3-4

SHREVEPORT COIN CLUB, annual ARK-LA-TEX Coin Exposition, Convention Hall. **WRITE:** James Bruce, Box 492, Shreveport, La. 71162.

AUGUST 3-4

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, annual show, Community Center, 7000 S. Rice. **WRITE:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

AUGUST 10-11

FT. WORTH SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6120 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

SEPTEMBER 6-8

DALLAS COIN CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1099 Valley View Lane. **WRITE:** C.C. Andrews, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

SEPTEMBER 6-8

NEW MEXICO COIN DEALERS ASSN., 6th annual show, Holiday Inn (Midtown), 2020 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, N.M. **BOURSE:** John Plath, 1222 Evangeline NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109.

SEPTEMBER 14-15

ROSE CITY COIN CLUB, Tyler, annual coin show. Harvey Hall Convention Center. **WRITE:** Club, P.O. Box 1900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

SEPTEMBER 15

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, annual show, Student Center, Bee County College, St. Mary's St. - Charco Rd. **WRITE:** Club, Box 209, Beeville 78102. 512 375 2454.

SEPTEMBER 21-22

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, annual show, Beaumont Hilton, 2355 IH 10 South. **CONTACT:** Dewey Scott, P.O. Box 1964, Beaumont 77704

SEPTEMBER 28-29

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual show, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

OCTOBER 12-13

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, annual show, Will Rogers Exhibit Hall, West Lancaster & 1 Amon Carter Square. **WRITE:** Ken Jones, Box 7733, Ft. Worth 76111.

OCTOBER 18-20

SPACE CITY COIN SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn, 500 North Belt East. **BOURSE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

OCTOBER 26-27

LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, Municipal Auditorium. **WRITE:** Club, Box 52331 Lafayette, La. 70505

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I —

Morris Johnson
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A lengthy discussion on coin show plans took up most of the meeting time at the two March sessions held by members of **Stephenville Coin Club**. Meetings were were held at Red Bandana Steak House. The show was to be held May 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Auctions with 16 lots both times were held. **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

DISTRICT II —

August H. Ganze Jr.
Governor

National Coin Week (April 21-27) coincided with the April 23 meeting of **Comanche Springs Coin & Stamp Club** and members planned to participate with bank displays and publicity on numismatics in the local paper, The Ft. Stockton Pioneer.

Members enjoyed a games night with prizes being donated. Coin World sent a complimentary copy of the 1985 Red Book which will be placed in the Pecos County Library with meeting place and date to perhaps reach others interested in a coin club. **Jo Beth Shellenberger, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V —

Thirty-six members and guests were present for the meeting of **Garland Coin Club** when Frank Clark gave a program on "Experimental Notes" showing several types and the different materials in the manufacture.

New members are Brule Carleson, Steven A. Cozart and William C. Gary. The club voted to take part in National Coin Week and discussion was held on displays placed in banks and libraries. Al Bromberg won the door prize and C.C. Andrews conducted the auction. **Timothy N. Lee, Sec.**

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Numismatics International of Dallas has announced the winners of "Best Article of the Year" award and first place went to Dr. Kenneth Aring for "A Numismatist on the Trail of Marco Polo." Raymond J. Jebert placed second with his article "An Anonymous Istahan Bronze

Dated in the Monkey Year."

There was a tie for third place: Lee Grossman, "The Widow's Mite - What Was It?" and Walter Bergman, "The Great Rulers of Europe."

Those wishing more information on the organization, write to Numismatics International, Box 670013, Dallas 75367-0013. Membership dues are $10 regular and clubs; $7 for Seniors and Juniors. **Club Bulletin.**

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Dallas Coin Club members were to discuss and vote on whether or not to apply for a TNA Life Membership and the donation of books or subscriptions to the Dallas Library. Also under discussion was National Coin Week.

Tommy Acker and Frank Clark received educational awards for programs given in December and January. The auction was conducted by C.C. Andrews and Ken Thomson won the door prize.

Ron Blaha showed a grading set of Draped Bust half dollars. Ron gave background information on early mint officers and stated that Gilbert Stuart is thought to be the coin designer. **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VI —

New officers for **Pasadena Coin Club** include Howard Jackson, president; Tom Windsheimer, vice president, Chris Johns, recording secretary, Malcolm Yandell, corresponding secretary, and Bill Peccolunas, treasurer. Officers were to be installed on April 8 with a dinner meeting at Duff's Smorgasbord.

The club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Ramada Inn on Airport Blvd. with visitors welcome. Margaret Eby is a new member. - **Chris Johns, Sec.**

Al Loja
Governor

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John Zanders presented a talk on "Platinum: The Miracle Metal" at the March meeting of **Bellaire Coin Club.**

The club is looking into the possibility of changing its meeting location, but presently meets at Bellaire Recreation Center on South Rice Ave. in Bellaire. The meeting dates are the 1st and 3rd Mondays and visitors are most welcome. - **Chris Johns, Reporter.**

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Officers elected to serve **Greater Houston Coin Club** are: Gerald Kendall, president, Ray Aldrete, vice president, Melvin Neal, secretary, Al Loja, treasurer. Board members include Mike Levinson and Chris Johns. Bernard Loebe also serves on the Board in his capacity as immediate past president. Installation was held March 30 at Kaphans' Restaurant. **Chris Johns, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

With holidays such as Lent, Purim, Passover and Easter occurring around meeting dates, Lee Grossman gave a program on "Biblical Coins of Judaea" at the **Alamo Coin Club** meeting held at Chandler Senior Center in San Antonio. Lee discussed the so-called "widow's mite" and coins of Alexander Jannaeus, John Hyrcanus and Herod Agrippa the First, dating from 135 B.C. to 41 A.D.

A report on the ANA MIDWINTER convention was given by Club President Richard Pinnette. Auctions were held at both March meetings. — **Club Bulletin.**

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Committees to work on show plans were appointed at the **Gateway Coin Club** meeting and include Tom Walker, general chairman; Ray Tate, bourse, Frank Galindo, exhibits, Mike Greenspan, publicity, Robin Ellis, registration, and Dave Burnett, banquet. The show was planned for May 4-5 at Sheraton Inn, 1100 Old Austin Hiway.

At the first meeting in March, the bi-monthly auction was held with Mike Greenspan and Marcus Brown as auctioneers.

Richard Pinette, **Alamo Coin Club** president, presented a program on "Coins on Stamps" at the March 21 meeting. Richard showed examples of First Day Covers. — **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX —

Good attendance (28) was reported at the March meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** in Lubbock when plans were finalized for the March 16-17 coin show. Ed Chauncey agreed to take over as show chairman since President Herman Jacobs would be unable to attend.

Lamonte Pitzer discussed "TNA Medals, Designs and Their Meanings" and displayed a complete set. A new member, Jim Tapp, won the door prize. Jim Hall and D.O. Joplin were in charge of the auction.

At a previous meeting, Greg Cronholm gave a program on collecting Mexican coins and showed a slide set on early Mexican rulers and their coinage. The door prize went to Wally Borchardt. — **Ed Chauncey, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XI —

Nela Runkle
Governor

Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. of Amarillo received its charter as a non-profit Corporation dated January 21, 1985. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in and to advance compre-

hensive knowledge of numismatics.

The following directors and their positions are: Charles C. Steele, president; Dan Orick, 1st vice president, Curtis Maple, 2nd vice president; Paulla White, secretary; and Nela Runkle, treasurer. Appointed to the board are Roy Wilson, TNA representative, Darrell Tipton, historian; Bill Houchin and Jimmy Eddington, at large. The club will be meeting every first Monday at First National Bank.

The Golden Spread club met March 1 for the first meeting. The program was given by Chuck Steele entitled "How to Start a Coin Collection." The Coin Market report was given by Gordon Boyle and door prizes were won by R.C. Tipton, R.L. (Tommy) Tompkins, Evelyn Billingsley, Ann Wilson, Ted Johannsen and Roy Wilson.

Earlier in the evening the **Amarillo Coin Club** met for a brief meeting and members voted to dissolve that club. **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT XII —

Rose City Coin Club of Tyler will host its 7th annual coin show at Harvey Hall Convention Center. Dates are September 14-15 and dealers can set up on the afternoon of September 13. For more details on bourse activity, contact the Club, P.O. Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

T. J. Bennington
Governor

Twenty three members attended the March meeting. A brief discussion was held about the bullion market and the laws requiring the reporting of Kruggerand purchases. An auction and door prizes followed. **T.J. Bennington, Gov. Dist. 12.**

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DISTRICT XIV —

The **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley met in March at People's Church in San Juan with President Ralph Cron presiding. Twenty six attended.

Ada Lee Chisum
Governor

National Coin Week was discussed and packets and posters from ANA were shown. Buttons were passed around to all present by Fred and Lucille Brooks.

Ada Lee Chisum gave the program on "Coins of Panama" displaying coins from her collection including the limited edition bronze medal struck to honor the passage of the first boat through the Panama Canal. She gave the history and interesting details about the country and its coinage. She and her late husband, John, lived in the Panama Canal Zone during World War II.

Fred Brooks gave a report on the ANA MIDWINTER in San Antonio and related some of his interesting conversation with R.S. Yeoman, publisher of the Red Book.

Norma Mather won the door prize
—**Ada Lee Chisum, Gov. Dist. 14.**

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DISTRICT XV —

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Show chairmen have been named by **Greater Orange Coin Club** for the coin show set for June 29-30 at KC Hall and are: Jerry Williams, bourse chairman, Dewey L. Scott, assistant bourse; Bill Stein, publicity, Dewey R. Scott, assistant publicity, Becky Scott, refreshments.

Jerry Williams gave a report on the ANA MIDWINTER convention in San Antonio and Ed White conducted the auction. Two new members joined, Walter Riedel and Damon Scott. —**Becky Scott, Sec.**

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Dewey Scott is serving as bourse chairman for the annual coin show sponsored by **Beaumont Coin Club** on September 21-22 at Beaumont Hilton. Scott can be contacted by writing Box 1964, Beaumont 77704.

Scott presented a program on "Hobo Nickels" at the meeting. He told about hobos altering Indian Buffalo nickels to pass time while riding freight trains. They would nail the nickel to the floor of the box car to hold it steady and use a sharp nail to change the Indians into hobos, bearded men, cowboys and the Buffalos to turtles, horses or donkeys. The most desirable hobo nickels are those on which the metal was pushed to make a more complicated design. Scott displayed some from his collection. —**Club Bulletin.**

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Jerry Williams gave an account of a mail fraud for members of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** at the regular meeting. Jerry told about a hearing which dealt with mail fraud. A dealer was advertising MS-70 coins he had for sale which were not what they were advertised to be. The Postal Service stepped in and pressed charges against the dealer. Jerry filled the members in on details of the court hearing and the outcome.

The club will be meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Gulfway Dr. in Port Arthur. Last minute details were given on the March coin show. A reminder was included in the Club Bulletin for members who had not paid their dues of $6.00 for 1985. —**Club Bulletin.**

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At least 90 counties attempted to solve the problem by issuing their own banknotes. These were in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents, $1, $2, $3 and $5. A few printed $10 notes. All were guaranteed by the county treasury, could be used only within the county and could be exchanged for Confederate money.

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